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Applicants: Brian P. Janowski et al. )

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**AMENDMENT**

Sir/Madam:

Applicants hereby petition under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) for a one-month extension of time in the above-captioned application, up to and including January 31, 2011, to make this reply timely.

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 30, 2010, Applicants respectfully submit a Request for Continued Examination and the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.